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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 6 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Central African Republic (S/1997/821, S/1997/828, S/1997/840 and S/1997/849)*

Georgia (S/1997/827)**

Other matters

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* To be followed by a formal meeting following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

** Possibly followed by a formal meeting following the adjournment of the formal meeting on the Central African Republic.

RESUMED TENTH EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 6th plenary meeting of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly will be held on Thursday, 13 November 1997, at 10 a.m., to consider agenda item 5 (Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory) (A/ES-10/6 and Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 16th meeting — Conference Room 4

Consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under all agenda items (items 62-82) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

11 a.m.-1 p.m. — 13th meeting — Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [85] (A/52/20, A/52/307, A/C.4/52/L.8)

General debate

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.4/52/L.8

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 30th meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Sectoral policy issues [96]

   (a) Industrial development cooperation

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.16

2. Environment and sustainable development [98] (A/52/25, A/52/112, A/52/217-S/1997/507, A/52/284, A/52/318, A/52/347, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/460, A/52/514-S/1997/815)

   (a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (A/52/3, A/52/413)

   (g) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (A/52/280, A/52/413)

   General discussion (concluded)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 31st meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Environment and sustainable development [98] (A/52/25, A/52/112, A/52/217-S/1997/507, A/52/284, A/52/318, A/52/347, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/460, A/52/514-S/1997/815)

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/52/413)

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/52/413, A/52/441)

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/52/319, A/52/413)

Introduction and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 27th meeting — Conference Room 1

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110] (A/52/3, A/52/18, A/52/187, A/52/432, A/52/463, A/52/471, A/52/528, A/52/116-S/1997/317, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

Rights of peoples to self-determination [111] (A/52/139, A/52/413, A/52/485, A/52/495, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 28th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [105]

   Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [106]

   Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.16/Rev.1

2. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [108]

   Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.24 and L.25

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [102]

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.11/Rev.1

Crime prevention and criminal justice [103]

Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.4, L.6, L.7, L.8, L.22 and L.23

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110] (A/52/3, A/52/18, A/52/187, A/52/432, A/52/463, A/52/471, A/52/528, A/52/116-S/1997/317, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

Rights of peoples to self-determination [111] (A/52/139, A/52/413, A/52/485, A/52/495, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 3

Human resources management [153] (A/52/438, A/C.5/51/55 and Corr.1, A/52/7, paras. 107 to 112, and A/C.5/52/2)

Introduction and general discussion

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [115]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/52/278 and A/52/519)

Introduction and general discussion

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116] (A/52/6 (Vol. I and II), A/52/16 and Add.1 and A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part IV-IX)

Policy coordination and sustainable development (Part IV, section 7)

Africa: New Agenda for Development (Part IV, section 8)
Economic and social information and policy analysis (Part IV, section 9)
Development support and management services (Part IV, section 10)
Trade and development (Part IV, section 11A)
International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (Part IV, section 11B)
Environment (Part IV, section 12) Human settlements (Part IV, section 13)
Crime control (Part IV, section 14)
International drug control (Part IV, section 15)

Economic and social development in Africa (Part V, section 16)
Regional commission (Part V, section 16 A)
Regional Commissions New York Office (Part V, section 16 B)
Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific (Part V, section 17)
Economic development in Europe (Part V, section 18)
Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Part V, section 19)
Economic and social development in Western Asia (Part V, section 20)
Regular programme of technical cooperation (Part V, section 21)

Human rights (Part VI, section 22)
Protection of and assistance to refugees (Part VI, section 23)
Palestine refugees (Part VI, section 24)
Humanitarian assistance (Part VI, section 25)

Public information (Part VII, section 26)

Administrative services (Part VIII, section 27) Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management (Part VIII, section 27 A)
Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts (Part VIII, section 27 B)
Office of Human Resources Management (Part VIII, section 27 C)
Support services (Part VIII, section 27 D)
Conference services (Part VIII, section 27 E)
Administration, Geneva (Part VIII, section 27 F)
Administration, Vienna (Part VIII, section 27 G)
Administration, Nairobi (Part VIII, section 27 H)

General discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment for the expenses of the United Nations (A/51/11 and Corr.1-2))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session [147] (A/52/10)

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the International Law Commission

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* Following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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WORKING GROUP ON THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

10 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwadan Citizens Responsible for the Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States Between 1 January and 31 December 1994

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meeting

There will be a briefing by Mr. Hama Diallo, Executive Secretary of the Permanent Secretariat of the Convention on Desertification, on the results of the First Conference of the Parties on Desertification *today*, 6 November 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. A representative of the International Fund for Agricultural Development will also address the briefing. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copies of the revised non-paper prepared by the Secretariat on preparations for the forty-second session of the Commission on the Status of women are available for delegations at the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC 2-1216).

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Copies of the advanced unedited version of the "Report of the Secretary-General on Observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996) and Recommendations for the Rest of the Decade", submitted under General Assembly agenda item 97 (f), are now available for delegations (outside of room S-2994).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 6 November 1997

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 97 (g) and (h))

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

FRENCH LANGUAGE WORKSHOP ON THE STRUCTURE AND DRAFTING OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the International Women's Forum *today*, 6 November 1997, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Forum will be addressed by Mrs. Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, on "Refugees: Crises and Challenges". Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Panel

A panel on "Consequences of and policy responses to below-replacement fertility", organized by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in conjunction with its Expert Group Meeting on Below-Replacement Fertility, will be held *today*, 6 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in *Conference Room 6*. The panel will be comprised of Professor Antonio Golini of the University of Rome, Dr. Britta Hoem of Statistics Sweden, Dr. Zhenghua Jiang, Deputy Minister and Professor of the State Family Planning Commission of China, Dr. Elise Jones of Princeton University and Professor Sergei Zahkarov of the Russian Institute of Economic Forecasting, and will be moderated by Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director of the Population Division, DESA. Members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations, members of the press and staff members are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution of the Third Committee on the strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (item 112 (b) *today*, 6 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal meeting

There will be a police contributors meeting on the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti (UNTMIH) *today*, 6 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting will be chaired by Lieutenant General Manfred Eisele, Assistant Secretary-General for Planning and Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations. There will be a briefing on a possible follow-on mission in Haiti.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 7 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 24th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meetings

There will be a briefing by Ms. Angela King, Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, on the issue of "Gender mainstreaming: A Challenge to Business as Usual?" on Friday, 7 November 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

There will be a panel discussion on "Havana+50: New Challenges for the International Trading System" on Tuesday, 11 November 1997 , from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD will serve as moderator. The Panelists invited are: H.E. Mr. Tofail Ahmed, Minister for Commerce and Industry, Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. Nacer Benjelloun-Touimi, Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations, Geneva, Mr. Douglas Worth, Chairman, Trade Committee of the U.S. Council for International Business, Washington, D.C., Mr. Eduardo Delgado-Bermúdez, Director-General of the Cuban Association of the United Nations, Havana and Mr. Geza Feketekuty, Director, Center for Trade and Commercial Diplomacy, Monterey Institute of International Studies, San Diego.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 1998 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will meet on Friday, 7 November 1997, at 10 a.m.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 11 November 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations on Monday, 10 November 1997, from 12 noon and 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.27 on small arms on Friday, 7 November 1997, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the General Assembly draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the World Social Summit on Friday, 7 November 1997, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal consultations will be held on the draft resolution on agenda items 39 (b) and (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks; Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and fisheries by-catch and discards) on Friday, 7 November 1997, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal presentation

Mr. Richard Feachem, Director of the Health, Nutrition and Population Team, and Mr. Alex Preker, Principal Economist of the Human Development Department, will make an informal presentation on "World Bank Strategies for Human Development" on Wednesday, 12 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The presentation is organized by the World Bank. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations, agencies and the press are invited to attend.

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Symposium

A symposium on the theme: "The United Nations and the Global Environment in the 21st Century: From Common Challenges to Shared Responsibilities", organized by the United Nations University, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), will be held on Friday and Saturday, 14 and 15 November 1997, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

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Announcement

The Coffee Morning and Briefing by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada, H.E. Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, scheduled for Friday, 7 November 1997, at 10 a.m. at the West Terrace of the United Nations Delegates' Dining Lounge, has been cancelled as a result of unforeseen circumstances. However, in lieu of the Coffee Morning and Briefing, a briefing by Ms. Jill Sinclair, Director of the Non-Proliferation, Arms Control and Disarmament Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada, will take place on Friday, 7 November, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Ms. Sinclair will provide information relating to preparations for the Ottawa Conference, its agenda and post-Conference follow-up.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 4 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 20th meeting

Pattern of conferences [119]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Paraguay (on behalf of the Rio Group), Cuba, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences made a concluding statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services also made a concluding statement and responded to questions posed.

A representative for the Office for Human Resources Management responded to questions posed.

The representatives of Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item subject to the receipt by the Committee of the comments of the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on "Enhancing cost-effectiveness in implementing legislative mandates" (A/51/946). The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Ho Teng Yen (Singapore).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Political affairs (Part II section 2); Peacekeeping operations and special missions (Part II section 3); Peaceful uses of outer space (Part II section 4)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this part of the budget and heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Grenada (on behalf of CARICOM), Indonesia, Iraq, Portugal, Mali, Argentina, Cuba and the Syrian Arab Republic

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part II sections 2, 3 and 4.

International Court of Justice (Part III section 5); Legal affairs (Part III, section 6)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part III)).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Cuba, Mexico and Indonesia.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee and the Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part III sections 5 and 6.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Cuba, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Portugal.

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session [147]

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Sweden, the Netherlands, the United States, China, Jamaica, Tanzania, Venezuela, Canada, Germany, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bahrain, Australia, South Africa, Morocco and Guatemala.

The Chairman made a statement.

Wednesday, 5 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

45th plenary meeting

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [30]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/342 and Corr. 1 and Add. 1);

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.11)

The representative of Cuba made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.11.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Ghana, Colombia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Viet Nam, Mexico, Botswana, Zambia, Myanmar, Malaysia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Namibia, Jamaica, Venezuela, the Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq, the Russian Federation and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), China, Indonesia and Argentina.

By 143 votes to 3, with 17 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.11 (resolution 52/10).

Statements in explanation of vote after vote were made by the representatives of Japan, the United States, Brazil, Canada and Costa Rica.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 30.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 48, entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)", would be taken up as the first item on Monday, 10 November, in the morning.

46th plenary meeting

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

The representative of Peru made a statement.

Since one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to an eighth round of balloting (first restricted ballot).

The results of the eighth round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Saint Lucia	135
Peru	27

On the eighth round of balloting (first restricted ballot), having obtained the required two thirds majority, Saint Lucia was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1998.

The following eighteen States were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1998: Algeria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Colombia, Comoros, India, Italy, Lesotho, Mauritius, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Saint Lucia, Sierra Leone, United States and Viet Nam.

The representative of Saint Lucia made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 15.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 15th meeting

Introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security and agenda items

The Committee began the third phase of its work, namely, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representative of Sweden (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.22), the Netherlands, Pakistan (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.41), Algeria (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.36), Colombia (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.21), Israel, Germany (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.31) and Romania.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 12th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [85]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, Chile, Romania, Indonesia, China, Malaysia, Uruguay (also on behalf of member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, as well as Bolivia and Chile)) and India.

The Committee decided to waive rule 78 of the rules and procedure of the General Assembly which required the 24 hour ruling before any draft proposal and amendment could be put to a vote and would therefore take action on Thursday, 6 November, on the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/52/L.8 which is scheduled to be published the same day.

SECOND COMMITTEE 29th meeting

Note: The summary of the 29th meeting of the Second Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/216).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Mexico, Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.4 (Death and disability benefits) and also introduced draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.7 (Third-party liability: temporal and financial limitations).

Reform of the procedure for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

The representative of Mexico, Coordinator of informal consultations, informed the Committee on the result of the consultations held on this question.

The Chairman stated that a decision on the above questions would be taken at the next meeting.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Policy coordination and sustainable development (Part IV, section 7); Africa: New Agenda for Development (Part IV, section 8); Economic and social information and policy analysis (Part IV, section 9); Development support and management services (Part IV, section 10); Trade and development (Part IV, section 11A); International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (Part IV, section 11B); Environment (Part IV, section 12); Human settlements (Part IV, section 13); Crime control (Part IV, section 14); International drug control (Part IV, section 15)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part IV).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced and orally revised the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines (also on behalf of the ASEAN Countries), Mongolia (on behalf of the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries), Bolivia, Bangladesh, Cuba, Mali, Kenya, the United States, the Bahamas, India, Ghana, Zimbabwe and Mexico.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee and the Controller responded to questions posed.

The representative of Egypt also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part IV, sections 7 to 15, pending statements by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Egypt.

Economic and social development in Africa (Part V, section 16); Regional commission (Part V, section 16 A); Regional Commissions New York Office (Part V section 16 B); Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific (Part V, section 17); Economic development in Europe (Part V, section 18); Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Part V, section 19);Economic and social development in Western Asia (Part V, section 20); Regular programme of technical cooperation (Part V, section 21)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part V).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16).

Statements were made by the representatives Paraguay (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN countries) and Thailand.

22nd meeting

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.4

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Uruguay also made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally revised by the Coordinator at the Committee's 21st meeting.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.7

The Chairman made a statement.

Following a statement by the representative of the United States, the Chairman announced that further consultations would be conducted by the representative of Mexico, Coordinator of informal consultations, on this matter.

Reform of the procedure for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

The Committee decided, without a vote, to defer consideration of this question until the second part of the resumed fifty-second session.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [143]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Internal Oversight Services who introduced the annual report of that office for the period 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 (A/52/426).

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Saudia Arabia and Algeria.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Internal Oversight Services who introduced the reports of that office (A/51/933 and A/52/339).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Economic and social development in Africa (Part V, section 16); Regional commission (Part V, section 16A); Regional Commissions New York Office (Part V, section 16 B); Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific (Part V, section 17); Economic development in Europe (Part V, section 18); Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Part V, section 19); Economic and social development in Western Asia (Part V, section 20); Regular programme of technical cooperation (Part V, section 21)

The Committee resumed its consideration of these sections.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Romania, the United States, Cuba and Algeria.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The representative of Ghana also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement

SIXTH COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 22nd meeting of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/216).

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1997 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES 2nd meeting

Statements regarding pledges [3]

Statements were made and pledges announced by members of the Conference.

The Secretary made a statement.

The representative of the Philippines made a statement.

Adoption of the report [2]

The Conference adopted its draft report contained in document A/CONF.182/L.1.

Closure of the Conference

The Administrator, United Nations Development Programme, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Deputy-Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, made concluding remarks.

The Officer-in-Charge, New York Office of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), made a statement.

The President made a concluding statement and declared the 1997 Pledging Conference for Development Activities closed.

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY — 188th meeting

The Chairman spoke.

Question of privileges and immunities

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and the United States. A statement was made by the observer for Azerbaijan.

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report (A/AC.154/1997/CRP.2).

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire and the observer for Kazakhstan made statements.

The Committee adopted parts I to III of the report.

Other matters

The Chairman spoke.

Statements were made by the representative of the United States, Cyprus and France.

The observer for Malaysia also made a statement.

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE — 232nd meeting

Request by South Africa to become a member of the Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee approved the request by South Africa to become a member of the Committee subject to the approval of its request by the General Assembly.

The representative of South Africa made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Afghanistan, Senegal and the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

Report by the Chairman on the International NGO Meeting and European NGO Symposium on the Question of Palestine, held at Geneva from 25 to 28 August 1997

The Chairman made a statement.

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly (A/AC.183/1997/CRP.2)

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Committee.

The Committee adopted its annual report for submission to the General Assembly.

Other matters

Statements were made by the Observer of Palestine and the Chairman of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, opened for signature at Paris on 13 January 1993

Ratification: Russian Federation (5 November 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 6 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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